

July 21, 2020

Dear Lower School families,

In response to the updated school guidelines released by the NC Department of Health and Human Services on July 14th, 2020, The Burlington School has updated our policy on masks for our Lower School students. Lower School students (beginning in Kindergarten) will now be required to wear masks at school **when in transition** in any way.

Masks will be optional for times when students are either in their desks and socially distanced or outside and socially distanced. For example, students must wear a mask as they exit the car and enter the building. Once students are in their classroom and seated six feet apart, masks will be optional. In addition, students will be expected to wear masks at any time that there is movement or transition within the school building. The teacher will be clear about when is a time for required masks versus optional masks and will allow students to take masks off whenever it is possible and safe.

Families who prefer that their child(ren) continue to wear masks during optional mask times as described above should notify the classroom teacher before the first day of school. For those families who wish to have their child wear a mask all day, teachers will ensure that the child(ren) continues to wear a mask during the optional breaks.

As future updates from the NC Department of Health and Human Services are released, we will keep you updated on any required changes to our Return 2020 plan.

Thank you,
Ronnie Wall and TBS Academic Team